

# Leading Causes of Mortality in Australian Adults

# TODAYS LESSON

**Title:** To identify the leading causes of mortality in Australian adults

## **Success Criteria:**

- I can name the leading causes of mortality in Australian adults

# Mortality

- Deaths occurring during early and middle adulthood are seen as premature given that life expectancy has increased. In 2007, 18 per cent of all deaths occurred among those aged 25–64 years.

Hand out Table 8.2

# **APPLY** your knowledge

Refer to table 8.2 to answer the following questions.

1. a) Compare and contrast the leading causes of death for males and females in each of the age brackets.

b) What conclusions can be drawn about the health status of males compared to females?

Hand out Table 8.3

Refer to table 8.3 to answer the following questions.

2 a) Identify any differences in the leading causes of death for adults aged over 65 compared with those aged 25–64 years in table 8.2.

b) Compare the main causes of death for males and females aged 65 years and over. What conclusions can be drawn?

How did the leading causes of mortality in adults compare to the 5 you had listed?

Were there any surprises?